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Town Officers.

Representative,
THOMAS LEDDY.

Moderator,
CHARLES E. SMITH.

Town Clerk,
H. JENNESS PAUL.

Selectmen,
DANIEL LYNCH, DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
FRANK P. NEAL.

Town Treasurer,
CHARLES H. SANBORN.

Collector of Taxes,
HERBERT W. SMITH.

Auditor,
FRANK C. NEAL.

Supervisors.
GEORGE L. CHASE, JEREMIAH TOWLE,
H. JENNESS PAUL.

School Board,
JAMES H. FITTS, CHARLES E. SMITH.

Library Trustees,
JAMES H. FITTS, GEORGE S. PAUL,
HARRIET E. SANBORN.

Health Officers,
GEORGE W. PAUL, ALBERT H. VARNEY,
FRANK P. NEAL.

Fire Wards,
CHARLES E. SMITH, ELMER D. KIDDER.

Highway Agents,
JEREMIAH TOWLE, FRED S. FOSS.

Town Warrant.

[L. S.] THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the Town of Newfields, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

3. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal this twenty-fourth day of February, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred.

DANIEL LYNCH,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
FRANK P. NEAL,
} Selectmen of Newfields.

Collector's Report.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1900.

Amount of '98 tax uncollected Feb. 15, 1899,	$261 33	
Interest collected,	7 36	
		$268 69
Cash to Treasurer,	$235 44	
Amount abated,	4 75	
		$240 19
Uncollected,		$28 50
Amount of '99 tax committed for collection,	$4,659 21	
Interest collected,	2 35	
		$4,661 56
Cash to Treasurer,	$4,096 27	
Discounts,	388 64	
Abatements,	2 75	
Balance uncollected,	173 90	
		$4,661 56

HERBERT W. SMITH, Collector.

Examined and approved February 15, 1900.

DANIEL LYNCH,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
FRANK P. NEAL,
} Selectmen of Newfields.

Selectmen's Report.

VALUATION OF NEWFIELDS, APRIL 1, 1899.

141 polls,	$14,100 00
Real estate,	201,796 00
104 horses,	5,348 00
4 oxen,	200 00
103 cows,	2,640 00
12 neat stock,	120 00
40 sheep,	120 00
8 carriages,	550 00
Stock in banks,	3,466 00
Money on hand and at interest,	8,100 00
Stock in trade,	5,800 00
Machinery,	1,000 00
	$243,240 00

Tax rate $1.90 per $100.

APPROPRIATIONS FOR 1899 AND 1900.

School money by law,	$855 00
Extra school money,	150 00
School supplies,	100 00
Highways,	630 00
Town library,	100 00
Memorial fund,	25 00
Town officers,	300 00
County tax,	1,175 00
Street lights,	150 00
Discounts,	400 00
Town poor,	75 00
To reimburse Charles H. Sanborn,	200 00
Extra school money voted at school meeting,	300 00
Amount added by Selectmen,	161 82
	$4,621 82

ABATEMENTS.

Tax List, 1898.

Charles E. Quinn, poll,	$1 90
Rowell & Co., stock in trade,	2 85

1899.

John Foss, poll,	1 90
Nancy Foss, real estate,	95

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

LIABILITIES.

Walker trust fund,	$1,000 00	
Unexpended interest,	192 00	
Mary E. Giddings' note,	500 00	
		$1,692 00

ASSETS.

Note of Daniel G. Neal, Walker fund,	$1,000 00	
Uncollected taxes, 1898,	28 50	
" " 1899,	173 90	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	466 43	
		$1,668 83
Town debt,		$23 17

In closing this report your Selectmen would say, that in their opinion all moneys, raised and appropriated by the Town, should be voted and raised at the regular town meeting, when nearly all of the voters and tax payers are present. They think the practice of voting and raising additional sums at School meetings, where very few of the voters are present, is wrong and unjust to the great majority of the tax payers, and they hope that the practice will be discontinued,

With a reduced State and County tax under the new apportionment, and reasonable and judicious appropriations, they see no reason why the tax rate for the coming year should be over one and one half per cent.

They think it the duty of the voters, to vote down any and all schemes that tend to increase the burden of taxation, and that are of little or no benefit to the town.

DANIEL LYNCH,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
FRANK P. NEAL,
} Selectmen of Newfields.

Treasurer's Report.

C. H. Sanborn, in account with Town of Newfields.

Dr.

Received amount brought forward from last year,	$688 88	
State, Insurance tax,	19 50	
Railroad tax,	697 53	
Savings Bank tax,	418 00	
Literary fund,	61 56	
H. J. Paul, licenses on 26 dogs,	48 32	
Boards sold at cemetery,	1 00	
W. H. C. Follansby, soldiers' aid,	635 96	
" " county poor,	539 70	
Adelbert Miles, for lot 1, Piscassic cemetery,	10 00	
Mrs. Daniel G. Neal, for lot 5, Piscassic cemetery,	10 00	
Net income from Town Hall,	77	
H. W. Smith, Collector, 1898,	235 44	
" " " 1899,	4,096 27	
		$7,462 93

Cr.

Paid State tax,	$726 75
County tax,	1,175 49
Dependent soldiers and families,	628 96
County poor,	541 20
School board,	1,411 56
School supplies,	85 07
Miscellaneous bills,	793 64
Town officers,	256 35
Street lights,	204 12
Cemeteries,	35 13

Paid Help to town poor,	$94 67	
Roads and bridges,	914 62	
Library Trustees,	100 00	
Police and Constables,	28 94	
		$6,996 50
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		466 43
		$7,462 93

CHARLES H. SANBORN, Treasurer.

REPORT OF N. G. HOWARD, HIGHWAY AGENT.

From February 13, 1899, to March 28, 1899.

Paid N. G. Howard, horses,	61	hours at	.20,	$12 20
G. W. Paul, horses,	20	"	.20,	4 00
" "	15	"	.30,	4 50
" "	10	"	.15,	1 50
B. H. Brown,	18 1-2	"	.20,	3 70
George Gladding,	16	"	.20,	3 20
Frank Gladding,	9	"	.20,	1 80
G. W. Stilson,	26	"	.20,	5 20
Charles E. Durell,	10	"	.20,	2 00
J. O. Pike,	6 1-2	"	.20,	1 30
Albert Clough,	14	"	.20,	2 80
H. B. Andrews,	10	"	.20,	2 00
J. F. C. Rider,	9	"	.20,	1 80
H. P. Neal,	15	"	.20,	3 00
Wm. McWhinney,	25 1-2	"	.20,	5 10
Albert Gray,	5	"	.20,	1 00
Henry Thompson,	23	"	.20,	4 60
George W. Pease, 2d,	17	"	.20,	3 40
Leroy Otis,	19	"	.20,	3 80

Paid Fred Bacon,	19 hours at	.20,	$3 80
Horace Clough,	63 "	.20,	12 60
C. A. Pollard, horses,	16 "	.20,	3 20
C. S. Dixon,	67 "	.20,	13 40
Wm. Hartnett,	13 "	.20,	2 60
Andrew Hanscomb,	9 1-2 "	.15,	1 42
Arthur Munsey,	7 "	.20,	1 40
Austin Hall,	3 "	.20,	60
Jerry Towle,	4 "	.20,	80
John Howarth,	6 1-2 "	.20,	1 30
Charles Griffin,	9 "	.20,	1 80
Charles Benson,	18 "	.20,	3 60
Jesse Brown,	11 "	.20,	2 20
Reuben Howarth,	4 1-2 "	.20,	90
F. E. Batchelder,	34 "	.20,	6 80
John Miles,	6 "	.20,	1 20
M. B. Ellis,	5 "	.20,	1 00
James Rumford,	20 "	.20,	4 00
Luther Purington,	18 "	.20,	3 60
D. R. Smith, horses,	66 "	.20,	13 20
H. W. Smith, man,	67 "	.20,	13 40
R. S. Abbott,	25 "	.20,	5 00
C. H. Littlefield,	18 "	.20,	3 60
Christopher Staples,	14 1-2 "	.20,	2 90
Richard Hartnett,	15 1-2 "	.20,	3 10
L. C. Raynolds,	60 "	.20,	12 00
G. B. Wiggin,	24 "	.20,	4 80
C. V. Jenness,	70 "	.20,	14 00
F. P. Neal,	25 "	.20,	5 00
D. G. Neal, oxen,	15 "	.20,	3 00
" man,	44 1-2 "	.20,	8 90
M. J. Griffin,	15 "	.20,	3 00
T. S. Griffin, horses,	26 "	.20,	5 20
P. T. Kuse,	10 "	.20,	2 00
Fred Foss,	25 "	.20,	5 00
Peter Lamie,	14 1-2 "	.20,	2 90
Hamas Brickoult,	7 "	.20,	1 40

Paid W. H. Hale,	6 1-2 hours at .20,	$1 30
N. G. Howard, for two picks,		1 50
March 28, paid G. W. Paul, for grate,		6 00
		$250 32

REPORT OF JEREMIAH TOWLE, HIGHWAY AGENT.

From March 27, 1899, to December 1, 1899.

Paid Jeremiah Towle,	370 hours	at .20,	$74 00
Levi A. Hanscomb,	27 1-2 "	.15,	33 23
P. Thompson, team,	125 "	.25,	31 25
George W. Pease, 2d,	155 "	.15,	23 25
C. A. Pollard, man, team,	222 "	.35,	77 70
" man,	22 "	.15,	3 30
Geo. Gladding,	40 "	.15,	6 00
Geo. W. Pease,	80 "	.15,	12 00
Austin Hall,	100 "	.15,	15 00
Peter Lamie,	20 "	.15,	3 00
Harry Lamie,	60 "	.15,	9 00
Albert Clough,	58 "	.15,	8 70
Ralph Furbush,	10 "	.15,	1 50
Samuel Neal, team,	30 "	.35,	10 50
E. Wormstead,	70 "	.15,	10 50
Walter Stuart,	20 "	.15,	3 00
Charles Littlefield,	20 "	.15,	3 00
John C. Chick,	30 "	.15,	4 50
Bertrand Miller,	50 "	.15,	7 50
Charles F. Vaughn,	60 "	.15,	9 00
James F. Bennett,	27 "	.15,	4 05
L. Otis,	42 "	.15,	6 30
M. Jacques,	64 "	.15,	9 60
A. J. Hanscomb,	55 "	.15,	5 50
W. Hayden,	9 "	.15,	1 35
H. B. Andrews,	13 1-2 "	.15,	2 03
C. Corson,	18 "	.15,	2 70

Paid J. Towle, 3 posts and nails,		$2 15
J. F. Fowler, 8 loads gravel and poles,		13 90
Ruth Pease, 77 loads gravel,		11 55
John Cloutier, repairing tools,		2 05
C. S. Dixon, 3 loads clay,		45
" man, team, 5 hours at .35,		1 75
" man, 64 " .15,		9 60
" team, 29 " .20,		5 80
J. T. Pike, 20 loads gravel,		3 00
C. E. Smith, stone,		3 00
C. V. Jenness, plank,		17 46
Lewis Coe, horse, 86 1-2 hours at .25,		21 63
1899.		
Dec. 1, Paid Jeremiah Towle, 20 hours at .20,		4 00
L. A. Hanscomb, 11 " .15,		1 65
Jas. E. Coe, horse, 10 " .10,		1 00
George Robinson, gravel,		30
1900.		
Jan. 1, Paid C. V. Jenness, 5 hours at .10,		50
		$477 25

REPORT OF FRED S. FOSS, HIGHWAY AGENT.

From March 27, 1899, to September 6, 1899.

Paid Fred S. Foss,	202 hours at .20,		$40 40
"	55 " .15,		8 25
R. S. Abbott,	60 " .15,		9 00
J. H. Miles,	76 " .15,		11 40
L. C. Raynolds,	20 " .15,		3 00
"	18 " .20,		3 60
Lewis Raynolds,	5 " .15,		75
Frank P. Neal,	20 " .15,		3 00
"	20 " .20,		4 00
John Foss,	37 " .15,		5 55
Perry T. Kuse,	10 " .15,		1 50

Paid Alvin Miles,	55	hours at	.15,	$8 25
C. H. Flood,	60	"	.15,	9 00
Charles W. Bean,	20	"	.15,	3 00
"	20	"	.20,	4 00
Daniel R. Smith,	20	"	.20,	4 00
"	20	"	.15,	3 00
Charles Littlefield,	40	"	.15,	6 00
John Clay,	34	"	.15,	5 10
Geo. B. Wiggin,	12	"	.15,	1 80
" oxen,	10	"	.20,	2 00
D. G. Neal,	20	"	.15,	3 00
" oxen,	20	"	.20,	4 00
H. W. Smith,	18	"	.15,	2 70
" horses,	7	"	.20,	1 40
C. E. Smith,	10	"	.15,	1 50
" oxen,	10	"	.20,	2 00
J. Staples,	10	"	.15,	1 50
" building well,	60	"	.20,	12 00
C. W. Bean,	114	loads of gravel at	.15,	17 10
Sept. 6, Paid Alvin H. Miles,	3	hours at	.15,	45
John H. Miles,	4	"	.15,	60
Richard S. Abbott,	6	"	.15,	90
Fred S. Foss,	11 1-2	"	.20,	2 30
Feb. 14, Paid " horses,	5	"	.20	1 00
				$187 05

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

Paid John Templeton, printing town accounts,	$32 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance town building,	84 00
Plummer Thompson, sawdust for hall,	1 00
" " shoveling snow, town office,	40
J. H. Wilkinson, Memorial day,	25 00
J. H. Batchelder, stationery,	3 52
C. H. Sanborn, on account Granite State Bank,	557 00

C. H. Sanborn, repairing bridge railing,	40
J. A. Spead, printing tax bills,	2 00
E. A. Hanson, painting fence,	2 50
P. Thompson, watering trees 3 days,	7 50
H. B. Andrews, watering trees 7 1-2 hours,	2 63
D. J. Lynch, copying inventory,	5 00
J. S. Gray, running town line and boundary stone,	6 50
G. W. Paul, for lamp-post fitted,	7 00
S. P. Badger, office rent,	12 00
M. E. Giddings, interest on note,	25 00
D. C. Wiggin, wood for town office,	1 15
H. J. Paul, office rent,	5 00
" recording vital statistics,	6 00
C. H. Flood, watering trough,	3 00
H. J. Paul, stamps and stationery,	2 18
C. H. Sanborn, stamps and stationery,	1 20
D. C. Wiggin, stamps, stationery and express,	1 66
	$793 64

HELP TO POOR PAID BY THE COUNTY.

Paid Jane Putney, board of Smith and Putney children,	$104 00
Ruth R. Lord, board of Eben Wilson,	86 00
N. G. Howard, supplies to B. H. Brown,	3 50
E. A. Hanson, supplies to H. O. Neal,	97 81
A. H. Varney, medical attendance,	6 00
Nancy Corson, supplies for Ramsdell children,	91 00
Caulfield family, supplies,	13 90
Mary Sullivan, supplies,	1 99
Mary Sullivan, burial expenses,	20 00
Wm. Pease, board of Gertrude Smith,	65 00
W. S. Ordway, board of Mary Smith,	52 00
	$541 20

AID TO DEPENDENT SOLDIERS AND THEIR FAMILIES PAID BY COUNTY.

Paid T. Leddy, supplies for E. A. Gray,	$130 00	
C. H. Sanborn, coal for E. A. Gray,	18 66	
W. S. Ordway, 1 cord wood for E. A. Gray,	3 00	
E. A. Hanson, supplies for C. F. Morse,	94 25	
C. H. Sanborn, coal for C. F. Morse,	27 46	
G. W. Paul, 1 cord wood for C. F. Morse,	3 00	
D. C. Wiggin, supplies, Hannah Thompson,	169 00	
" " " John Forbush,	126 24	
A. H. Varney, medical attendance, John Forbush,	13 00	
C. H. Sanborn, coal, John Forbush,	32 60	
G. W. Paul, wood, "	11 75	
		$628 96

HELP TO POOR PAID BY THE TOWN.

Paid Thomas Leddy, supplies for Alfred Miles,	$5 00	
" " " Mrs. Alfred Miles,	75 20	
D. C. Wiggin, helping poor person,	1 90	
R. S. Haley, " "	1 75	
Daniel Lynch, transient poor,	4 82	
D. C. Wiggin, supplies to Mrs. Alfred Miles,	6 00	
		$94 67

CEMETERIES.

Paid E. Wormstead, Walker fund,	$30 50	
Daniel Donovan, Junction,	1 13	
Frank P. Neal, labor on Piscassic Cemetery,	3 50	
		$35 13

SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Paid Ginn & Co.,	$33 33
H. I. Smith,	4 91
J. C. Pierce,	15 00

Paid Edward E. Babb & Co.,	$15 61	
J. L. Hammett Co.,	4 60	
D. C. Wiggin, express on supplies,	1 50	
J. H. Fitts, school supplies,	10 12	
		$85 07

STREET LIGHTS.

Paid Plummer Thompson, lighting,	$97 10	
Thomas Leddy, oil,	79 97	
D. C. Wiggin, oil and supplies,	21 75	
A. E. Gray, painting,	5 30	
		$204 12

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Daniel Lynch, serving as Selectman,	$44 50	
Daniel C. Wiggin, " "	14 05	
Frank P. Neal, " "	22 00	
H. J. Paul, " Town Clerk,	25 00	
C. H. Sanborn, " Treasurer,	45 00	
H. W. Smith, " Collector,	70 80	
Frank C. Neal, " Auditor,	3 00	
Charles H. Raynolds, serving as Election Officer, 1898,	2 00	
D. G. Neal, serving as Supervisor, 1897-1898,	10 00	
Geo. S. Littlefield, " "	10 00	
C. H. Sanborn, " "	10 00	
		$256 35

SCHOOL BOARD.

Paid J. H. Fitts, serving on School Board,	$22 00	
C. E. Smith, " "	13 00	
Clara E. Paul, Treasurer of School Board,	1,366 56	
" serving as Treasurer,	10 00	
		$1,411 56

POLICE AND CONSTABLES.

Paid William Pease, services and police,	$19 50	
Geo. W. Kendall, watching night of July 3,	2 00	
C. E. Lyons, " " "	2 00	
J. F. C. Rider, " " "	2 00	
W. H. C. Follansby, board of James Barrie in Exeter jail,	1 72	
W. H. C. Follansby, board of James Broderick in Exeter jail,	1 72	
		$28 94

TOWN LIBRARY.

Paid J. H. Fitts,	$100 00	
		$100 00

Town of Newfields, To Daniel Lynch, Dr.

Taking inventory,	$4 00	
Preparing inventory book,	2 00	
Town meeting,	2 00	
Preparing inventory blanks,	2 50	
Receiving inventory blanks,	2 50	
Assessing taxes,	4 00	
Preparing tax book,	3 00	
Making return to State Treasurer,	2 50	
" " Bureau of Labor,	2 00	
" " Bureau of Agriculture,	2 00	
" of Railroad stock,	2 00	
Perambulating town lines,	6 00	
Preparing perambulating records,	3 00	
Signing orders,	1 00	
Drawing jurors,	1 00	
Settling town accounts,	4 00	
Time and expense on town reports,	1 00	
		$44 50

Received payment,

Daniel Lynch.

Town of Newfields, To D. C. Wiggin, Dr.

Revising inventory,	$2 00	
Assessing taxes,	4 00	
Settling State tax by mail,	05	
Attending town meeting,	2 00	
Making and signing orders,	2 00	
Settling town accounts,	4 00	
		$14 05

Received payment,

D. C. Wiggin.

Town of Newfields, To Frank P. Neal, Dr.

Taking inventory,	$4 00	
Town meeting,	2 00	
Assessing taxes,	2 00	
Receiving inventory,	2 00	
Making plans of cemetery,	2 00	
Perambulating town lines,	6 00	
Settling town accounts,	4 00	
		$22 00

Received payment,

Frank P. Neal.

This will certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Treasurer, Highway Agents, and Collector, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK C. NEAL, Auditor.

Newfields, N. H., February 15th, 1900.

Report of School Board, 1899-1900.

The annual meeting of Newfields School District was held in the Town Hall on Saturday evening, March 18, 1899. The meeting was called to order at seven o'clock by the moderator, Charles E. Smith, who read the original warrant, duly certified that copies had been posted at two public places in the district. In the absence of the clerk, Mrs. Frank P. Neal was chosen clerk *pro tem.* Charles E. Smith was chosen moderator for the ensuing year. Mrs. Clara E. Paul was elected treasurer for the coming year. The clerk, Christopher A. Pollard, having arrived, read the minutes of the last meeting. Mr. Pollard declining re-election, Frank C. Neal was chosen clerk for the coming year. Frank C. Neal was elected auditor for the year ensuing. Charles E. Smith was elected a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years. These several officers were duly qualified in open meeting by taking the prescribed oath of office.

The annual report of the School Board, presented in printed form, was accepted and adopted. Attention was called to the difficulty of making up a duplicate report for the school and financial years, and it was suggested that some different form of report might hereafter be presented. It was voted to raise $300 additional school money for the coming year. The meeting adjourned.

The School Board met in the town office for organization, March 20, 1899. The following sub-committees were chosen: Augustus W. Richards on finance and repairs, Charles E. Smith on Piscassic school, James H. Fitts on superintendence, text-books and school supplies. William Pease was appointed truant officer for the year ensuing. The selectmen were authorized to enumerate the children of school age in town. The following teachers were approbated for their respective schools: Ernest M. Gleason

for the Grammar school, Harriet E. Sanborn for the Intermediate school, E. Isabel Foster for the Primary school. Lillia M. Hurd was secured for Piscassic school. Anna H. Wilkinson has taught as substitute.

The April enumeration gives us 80 school children in town—boys 45, girls 35. Thirteen students are attending school out of town the present year.

The several schools in town began promptly April 3, 1899, and have completed three terms of 321 weeks each, amounting in the aggregate to 128 weeks. This is 24 weeks more schooling in town than last year.

The text-books now used in our schools are Harrington's Speller, Cyr's Readers, Patterson's Grammar, Frye's Geographies, Fassett's Colonial New Hampshire, Barnes' History, Wentworth's Arithmetics, Merrill's Vertical Penmanship, Meservey's Bookkeeping, Blaisdell's Physiology, Wentworth's Algebra, Hill's Rhetoric, Mowry's Civil Government, Wells' Natural Philosophy, Allen and Greenough's Latin Grammar.

Two sets of the Student's Cyclopedia have been placed in the Grammar and Piscassic schools at an expense of fifteen dollars. Books purchased by the Intermediate school are protected in a Weinike case costing four dollars. Some simple supplies for the Primary school cost seven dollars. Colonial Life in New Hampshire and Cyr's Readers have been added to our list of school books. Pupils are learning to use the public library for study and supplementary reading with good results. Singing in all our schools has received more than usual attention this year.

Our teachers have availed themselves of their privilege to visit other schools and to attend the State Teacher's Association and County Institutes. Misses Sanborn and Foster were present at the Institute in Portsmouth, April 6 and 7. Miss Hurd visited schools at Haverhill and Lawrence, June 1, at Greenland, November 23, and Misses Sanborn and Hurd attended the Teacher's Association, at Laconia, October 20 and 21. Mr. Gleason and Misses Hurd and Foster were at the Institute at Epping, February 5, 1900. Besides these intermissions there were no sessions of the schools on Fast day, May day, Memorial day and two days

at Thanksgiving. Several truants have needed looking after, and three pupils were suspended for defacing school buildings.

The following communication was received from Mr. Richards, who, for a score of years, has taught our schools and served on the School Board, constantly exhibiting a commendable interest in all our educational welfare.

"School Board of the Town of Newfields.

Gentlemen,—Because of continued absence from town, I feel that I can no longer fulfil my duties as a member of the School Board, and, therefore, hereby tender my resignation.

Respectfully,

A. W. Richards.

Newfields, N. H., April 20, 1899."

With this letter of resignation in hand the remaining members of the School Board met to fill the vacancy. Consultation showed that they were unable to agree, and it was decided to defer action and to divide the duties of the office between themselves.

May day. Our pupils continue their devotions at the shrine of *Flora*, in Roman mythology the goddess of flowers and of spring, in whose honor a festival was celebrated annually between 28 April and 3 May.

Memorial day. Patriotic services were held in Odd Fellows Hall before the Army Veterans. Address by Rev. William Locke, accompanied with singing, recitations and distribution of flowers by the pupils.

The thoughtful kindness of Miss Isabelle Paul placed on the School walls, June 6, four pictures obtained in Europe: In the Grammar room, *Foro Romano* and *Ponto e Castel San't Angelo*, and in the Intermediate room, *Scene in Venice* and *Jungfrau*. The *Grand Canon* in the Intermediate school is the gift of Mrs. James Pike.

Summer examinations and exhibitions.—Miss Hurd at Piscassic gave a reception to her pupils on the evening of Tuesday, June 20. Notwithstanding the rain, all except three pupils were present. The superintendent was present in the school room Wednesday forenoon, when the class in Algebra solved problems in simultaneous

equations by addition, subtraction, comparison, and substitution. This school gave an exhibition on the afternoon of June 23. The program consisted of 21 parts: Singing by the school three times, dialogue, solo with violin obligato, duet by Eva J. Sanborn and Irvin G. Howard, essays by Helen A. Sanborn and John F. Sanborn, violin solo by Lewis C. Reynolds, recitations by Irvin G. Howard, Lillian Burley, Eva J. Sanborn, Augustine W. Neal, Augusta L. Neal, Harry A. Miles, Bertha M. Sanborn, Winnifred C. Burley, Clara E. Miles and Lewis A. Miles. Mr. Smith, of the School Board, presided, and at the close formed the visitors into a class and received responses from nearly all of them.

The superintendent was present in the Grammar school, Thursday forenoon, June 22. Classes were heard in decimal division, compound numbers, annuities, history and Latin. The Centre schools held a public exhibition in the town hall on the afternoon of June 23. The program comprised 21 parts: Three motion songs, four dialogues, recitations by Nannie J. Leddy, Mary F. Smith, Katherine Le Vangie, John A. Leddy and Ethel M. A. Hanson; compositions by William P. Smith and Ethel M. Smith; declamations by W. Arthur Simpson, Edward L. Hayden, and James A. Leddy; the *Marseillaise* in French by Annie Lamie and Mary H. Cloutier; *Dies Iræ* in Latin by Winnifred M. Whipp; singing, America.

The annual school report was filed with the selectmen and a copy forwarded to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction at Concord, August 1.

The autumn term, which was the first term of the school year, opened September 11. Rev. Charles F. Morse, a returned missionary and agent for the People's Cyclopedia, addressed the Intermediate school, Tuesday, October 24.

Autumn reviews and celebrations.—Visitors were present at a Thanksgiving commemoration by the Intermediate school Wednesday, November 29. The scholars presented an historical study of the first Thanksgiving day in New England, and of the coming of the Pilgrims from England by way of Holland to Massachusetts. Rev. N. W. P. Smith, whose childhood playground was at Provincetown, where the Pilgrims first set ashore, and Rev. William

Locke, whose first American ancestor was killed by the Indians, addressed the pupils.

There was a Christmas celebration in the Primary school, Thursday afternoon, December 14, with songs, recitations and a dialogue. Congratulations were extended to teacher and pupils by lady visitors, Wilkinson of Newfields, Tyler of Newmarket, and Farnsworth of Lawrence. The children were called upon to repeat some of their exercises before additional visitors the next day.

At the Grammar school, Thursday afternoon, December 14, three classes were heard in arithmetic, compound numbers, square and cube roots.

The close of the term at Piscassic, Friday, December 15, presented recitations, declamations, and a fish-pond well stocked with Christmas presents for the scholars, and a surprise gift for the teacher. Remarks were made by the two members of the School Board. About 20 visitors were present.

Winter endings.—The Primary school Thursday morning, February 8, 1900, showed classes in reading, spelling and singing. The Intermediate school was engaged in studying the map of Rockingham county, and in making a map of New Hampshire. The afternoon at Piscassic was occupied with classes in penmanship, questions and answers from the Student's Cyclopædia, algebraic equations of two or three unknown quantities, reading and spelling.

The forenoon of the closing day at the Grammar school, Friday, February 9, 1900, exhibited classes in spelling, and three grades in arithmetic—fractions, per cent. and interest, with partial payments. In the afternoon, the Grammar and Intermediate schools joined in a singing class, followed by affected quadrates in algebra in the former room, and by rhetorical readings in the latter room.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Present every day of the Summer term: Eva M. Howard, Irvin G. Howard.

Present every day of the Winter term: Alfred E. Gray, Eva Irene Jenness, W. Arthur Simpson.

GENERAL SUMMARY FOR SCHOOL YEAR, ENDING AUGUST, 1899.

Number of schools in the district, 4; semi-graded, 3; ungraded, 1. Aggregate length of all the schools in weeks, 103.7; greatest number of weeks in any school, 31; least number in any school, 29.7; average length of each school, 30.5. School houses, 3; rooms, 4; unused, 0; estimated value, $4,000; apparatus, $200. Pupils attending school, 108—boys, 54; girls, 54; under six years of age, 11; between six and sixteen, 97; greatest number in any school, 38; least number in any school, 14; number between five and sixteen attending elsewhere, 6; average attendance, 75; per cent. of attendance, .8333; pupils not absent during the year, 10. Male teachers employed, 1; salary per month, $40. Female teachers, 4; average salary, $33. Normal school graduates, 1; training school graduates, 3; college graduates, 1; attending county institutes, 3. Population, 855. Average expense per pupil for school supplies, $1.16; average total cost for tuition of each pupil, $15.13. Visits by School Board, 27; by citizens, 57.

CALENDAR FOR 1900-01.

Summer term begins April 2, 1900.
Autumn term begins September 10, 1900.
Winter term begins January 1, 1901.

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. H. FITTS,
CHARLES E. SMITH, } School Board.

NEWFIELDS, February 23, 1900.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL BOARD.

DR.

Amount brought forward from last year,	$33 27	
School money, by law,	855 00	
" " appropriation,	150 00	
Extra raised in school meeting,	300 00	
Literary fund,	61 56	
		$1,399 83

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TEACHERS.

Paid Harriet E. Sanborn,	$288 00	
Ernest M. Gleason,	320 00	
Isabel J. Foster,	192 00	
Lillia M. Hurd,	288 00	
		$1,088 00

FUEL.

Paid Levi Hanscomb, sawing 4 cords wood in 1898,	$7 25	
Levi Hanscomb, sawing 2 cords wood,	3 50	
Geo. W. Paul, 2 cords pine wood,	6 00	
John H. Miles, sawing wood in 1898,	2 50	
Charles H. Sanborn, coal,	51 28	
John H. Miles, sawing 4 cords wood,	4 00	
Geo. W. Paul, 6 cords wood,	19 75	
		$94 28

REPAIRS AND CLEANING.

Paid Thomas Leddy, supplies for 1898,	$5 96	
E. A. Hanson, stock and labor,	2 25	
Walter B. Grant, pipe and repairs,	6 29	
Thomas Leddy,	2 04	
C. E. Smith, wood, repairs and supplies,	18 00	

Paid G. W. Paul, cleaning vaults,	$2 00	
Alice Hartnett, cleaning,	3 00	
Annie Thompson, cleaning,	3 45	
J. S. Gray, cleaning and repairing,	10 50	
Amy Miles, cleaning,	2 00	
		$55 49

JANITOR.

Paid Albert Gray,	$72 00	
		$72 00
Paid Frank C. Neal, Auditor,		$1 50
		$1,311 27
Balance cash on hand,		$88 56
		$1,399 83

CLARA E. PAUL, Treasurer.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 15, 1900.

This will certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer of the School Board and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK C. NEAL, Auditor.

School Warrant.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

To the inhabitants of the School District of Newfields, qualified to vote in District affairs :

You are hereby notified to meet at the town hall, in said District, on the seventeenth day of March, 1900, at seven o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose all necessary District Officers for the coming year.

2. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

3. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers heretofore chosen, and to pass any vote relating thereto.

4. To see how much money the District will raise and appropriate for the support of schools.

5. To transact all other business which may properly come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Newfields, this twenty-third day of February, 1900.

JAS. H. FITTS,
CHARLES E. SMITH, } School Board.

Report of Trustees of Library.

The sixth annual report of the Library:

Number of volumes delivered in 1899, 2,096; average number delivered each week, 40; percentage of fiction read, 58; juvenile literature, 22; biography, 5; travel, 5; other classes, 10.

BOOKS ADDED TO THE LIBRARY IN 1899.

PERSONAL GIFTS.

Rev. J. H. Fitts, Vol. I of Belknap's History of New Hampshire, which completes the three volumes of this valuable work in the Library.

Mrs. J. H. Fitts, The World Through a Woman's Eyes, by J. H. Akerman.

Rev. N. W. P. Smith, The Works of William Ellery Channing.

Miss H. E. Sanborn, Woman to the Rescue, by T. S. Arthur.

State Library of Massachusetts, Free Public Libraries of Massachusetts, 1899.

Rev. Charles J. Staples, from The Young People's Guild of the Unitarian Society, Manchester, N. H., Old Colonial Days, by Alice Morse Earle.

Hon. J. H. Gallinger, 15 vols. Government Reports of Agriculture and Education.

Presented by the Newfields Book Club, 18:

Gordon, A. A., Beautiful Life of Frances E. Willard; Hepworth, G. A., Herald Sermons, 2v.; Kipling, R., Jungle Book, 2v.: Merriman, H. S., The Sowers; Nansen, F., Farthest North, 2v.; Poole, M. L., Dally; Bell, L., A Little Sister to the Wilderness; Crockett, S. R., The Standard Bearer; Chapin, A. L., Wonder Tales from Wagner; Janvier, T. A., In the Sargasso Sea; Sheldon, C. M., In His Name; Weed, C. M., Ten New England Blossoms and

their Insect Visitors; Wiggin, K. D., Penelope's Progress; Carlyle, T., Heroes and Hero-Worship; Barton, W. E., A Hero in Homespun; Mitchell, S. W., Hugh Wynne, 2v.

Purchased by town, 31: Barr, A., Friend Olivia; Barr, R., Tekla; Brownall, D. L., The Story of Our Post Office; Browning, E. B., Aurora Leigh; Bunyan, J., Pilgrim's Progress; Carey, Alice and Phoebe, Poetical Works; Churchill, W., Richard Carvel; Crawford, F. M., Via Crucis; Davis, R. H., The Lion and the Unicorn; Dawson, W. J., Thro' Lattice Windows; Drummond, H., The Ideal Life; Du Chaillu, P., The Land of the Long Night; Farrar, F. W., The Life of Christ; Ford, P. L., Janice Meredith; Henty, G. A., One of the 28th; Hugo, V., Les Miserables, 2v.; Jewett, S. O., Betty Leicester; Johnston, M., Prisoners of Hope; Keightly, S. R., The Cavaliers; Kipling, R., The Day's Work; Lowell, J. R., Poetical Works; Meldrum, D. S., Holland and the Hollanders; Morley, M. W., The Bee People; Motley, J. L., The Rise of the Dutch Republic, 2v.; Parkman, F., The Jesuits in North America; Phelps, E. S., Donald Marcy; Thanet, O., We All; Thompson, E. S., Wild Animals I Have Known; Trowbridge, J. T., The Drummer Boy; Twain, M., Innocents Abroad; Whitney, A. D. T., Square Pegs; Whittier, J. G., Complete Poems; Wiggin, K. D., Polly Oliver's Problem.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1899.	
Feb. 16, Balance on hand,	$2 08
July 20, Town appropriation,	25 00
1900.	
Jan. 2, " "	24 00
Feb. 14, " "	51 00
" Fines,	4 10
	$106 18

DISBURSEMENTS.

1889.			
Feb. 20,	Paid Insurance,	$15 00	
Apr. 1,	Step ladder,	75	
May 9,	"Story of Our Post Office,"	3 50	
1900.			
Jan. 2,	Rent,	24 00	
Feb. 14,	Library supplies,	2 00	
17,	Express,	40	
20,	Salary Librarian,	25 00	
	De Wolfe, Fiske & Co.,	30 09	
	Money Order,	17	
	Postage,	12	
21,	Towards cataloguing books,	5 15	
			$106 18

JAS. H. FITTS,
GEO. S. PAUL,
HARRIET E. SANBORN, } Library Trustees.

NEWFIELDS, N. H., February 23, 1900.

BIRTHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.	Name of Child (if any).	Male or Female.	No. of Child.	Living or Still-born.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.
Aug. 18,'98	Dorothy R.,	F	2	L	J. Frank Wiggin,	Ethel V. Paul,	Newmarket,	Auburn, Me.
Feb. 2	Mary,	"	6	"	Levi Hanscomb,	Mary E. Mendum,	Boston, Mass.,	Newmarket.
4	Bertha Alice,	"	1	"	Daniel Frisbee,	Grace B. Williams,	Kittery, Me.,	Charlestown,Ms.
17		"	1	"	Levi Dunn,	Emma Corson,	Beverly, Mass.,	Durham.
Apr. 10		"	4	"	Francis A. Clay,	Lizzie L. Cole,	Candia,	Leominster, Ms.
May 21		M	1	"	Michael J. Hurlihy,	Mary Cronan,	Ireland,	Ireland.
July 7	Gilbert B.,	"	1	"	Albert E. Peabody,	Emma M. Cheney,	Seabrook,	Weston, Mass.

MARRIAGES Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.	Place of Marriage.	Name and surname of groom and bride.	Age in years.	Color of each.	Place of Birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of person by whom married.
Jan. 2	Exeter,	Joseph F. Haley, Maud A. Robinson,	23 22	W "	Exeter, Exeter,	Ralph S. Haley, Mabelle L. Blake, Charles Robinson,	1st, "	Edward Goodridge, Clergyman.
May 20	Newmarket,	Ralph S. Haley, Lillian Robinson,	47 45	W "	Exeter, Brighton, Me.,	Joseph Haley, Emily Wiggin, Charles Hammond, Eliza Thompson,	2d, "	Walter P. Taylor, Clergyman.
Nov. 29	Newfields,	Loren E. Smith, Hattie D. Staples,	46 43	W "	So. Newmarket, Exeter,	Eben Smith, Margaret Smith, Charles H. Flood, Betsey Flood,	1st, 2d,	N. W. P. Smith, Clergyman.

DEATHS Registered in the Town of Newfields, N. H., for the year ending December 31, 1899.

Date 1899.		Name and surname of Deceased.	Age. Years.	Months.	Days.	Place of Birth.	Male or Female.	Color.	Single, Married or Widowed.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
Jan.	5	Hannah Lane Fitts,	67	10	4	Candia,	F	W	S	John Fitts,	Abigail Lane.
	24	Nancy Howard,	75	1		Epping,	"	"	W	Nathan Smith,	Sally Keniston.
	24	Alfred Miles,	73	4	13	Newmarket,	M	"	M	Andrew Miles,	Betsey Sinclair.
	30	Catherine Goodwin,	64			Ireland,	F	"	"	Patrick Coffy.	
Feb.	8	Edward A. Hartnett,	15	11	26	Amesbury, Ms.,	M	"	S	Richard Hartnett,	Alice Kelly.
	15	Olive W. Sanborn,	81	3	24	Bristol,	F	"	W	Richard Wentworth,	Betsey Brodhead.
Mar.	7	Fred A. Hanson,	28	10	3	Dover,	M	"	"	George P. Hanson,	Martha Ramsdell.
	19	Mary Sullivan,	81			Ireland,	F	"	"	William O'Leary,	Julia McCarthy.
Apr.	29	Patrick J. Connor,	71	6	14	Ireland,	M	"	"	Joseph Connor,	Ellen Cronin.
May	4	Annie W. Ellis,	54	6	13	Newmarket,	F	"	M	Samuel Willis,	Sarah Sinclair.
Sept.	18	Daniel G. Neal,	61			Newmarket,	M	"	"	Samuel Neal,	Relief Smith.
Nov.	19	Mary A. Badger,	93	10	21	Sudbury, Mass.,	F	"	W	Samuel Puffer,	Joanna Eames.
Dec.	17	Sophia C. Brackett,	85	10	5		"	"	"	Noah Cressy,	Sophia Spofford.
	20	Susan B. Hill,	75	4	2	Newmarket,	"	"	"	Samuel Paul,	Martha M. Tarlton.

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